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She was deciding whether to jump into river, then...

LULING, La. (BP) — Who knows how long the 42-year-old woman had driven her car back and forth across the rust-covered cable suspension bridge bending high into the sky.

It may have been for hours. She was alone — alone and trying to decide whether to stop her car at the top of the bridge and jump.

The bridge across the Mississippi River in Luling arches high. Jumping would mean death. For her, death would mean an end to her struggle, an end to the fight

against her obsessive gambling.

She had a good job. But gambling had already cost her her telephone and other material items. It was about to cost her the loss of her car.

Finally, a little before 6 a.m., she remembered something — something from the past, from a year earlier.

She recalled the name of a church, remembered the Baptist volunteers who knocked on the door to her house one day to ask her some questions about her

church membership and spiritual life.

She remembered it was a church in Hahnville, about 10 miles from her house. Maybe that was what had lodged in her mind, that a group of people would go that far to talk to others about their spiritual lives.

Maybe she remembered that along with the Hahnville residents who were volunteers from Lewis Lane Church, Owensboro, Ky. Maybe she was impressed that people had come that far to share their faith with strangers.

Whatever the reason, she remembered. And when she

reached the west side of the bridge this time, she turned her car toward Hahnville.

Once there, she stopped somewhere, asked someone for a telephone book or maybe called information for the number to Hahnville Baptist Mission.

It was 6 a.m. as she dialed the number.

The phone rang in the home of mission pastor Tony Bellow.

By this time the woman was crying. "She was telling me her life was in a terrible condition," Bellow recalls. "She was crying and crying. And then she asked if she could come by and talk to me.

I told her she could. In about three minutes, she was at the house."

Once at Bellow's house, the mission pastor heard the story of the gambling, the desperation, and the driving back and forth across the bridge. "She said she was tired of it all," Bellow says. "And I told her the only way she could stop gambling permanently was to accept Jesus."

The two talked for another 30 minutes or so. Then the woman responded to Bellow's witness and prayed to receive Christ as her personal Lord and Savior.

The day was just beginning.

She's taught for 5 decades "because I love the children"

CARMI, Ill. (BP) — Blanche Williams is 85 years old, and sometimes she wonders why God doesn't take her home to be with him. "I guess there's a purpose" is her answer.

Williams is the widow of a well-known Illinois Baptist, Otho. He served several churches as pastor and in various statewide jobs. Her son, Jim, is president of the Brotherhood Commission.

"Otho was 51 when he died," Mrs. Williams said. He was director of the Baptist Children's Home at the time, and Mrs. Williams said she wonders why Otho's time on earth ended so early when he had so much to give.

Whenever Otho went onto the grounds at the children's home, the children would flock to him, his widow recalled.

Noting her husband's influence, Mrs. Williams didn't seem to see her own so clearly. But this year she worked in what she believes to be her 55th Vacation Bible School.

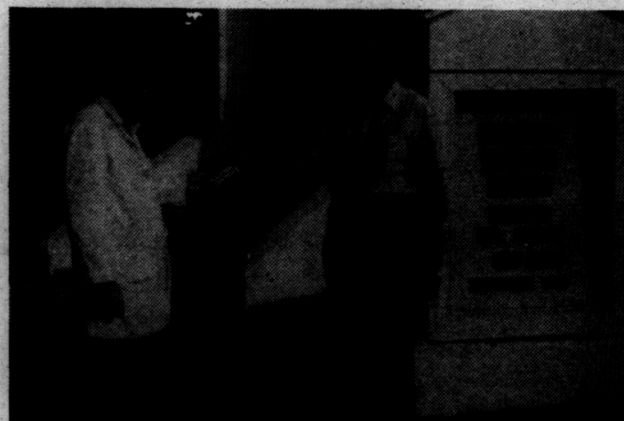
She started in VBS work in the 1930s, when it first made its way into Saline Association in southern Illinois. Since then she has worked with children almost every year, sometimes in more than one VBS. And leaders at First Church in Carmi wanted her back this year.

"I don't hear too well and I don't see well," she said. "I feel like a misfit, but they wanted me to help in Bible school, and I couldn't say 'no.'"

"I do it because I love to work with children," Mrs. Williams wants to use her talent, "what little I have, to direct children in the right direction."

As she talks about children, the passion of her concern finds expression.

Many children today are "just not getting any help" growing up, Mrs. Williams said. "Parents, they're not home to direct their children. I don't think (the children) are getting the teaching in their homes that we used to."



Shubuta volunteers

A team of 28 volunteers (below) from Shubuta Church, Clarke Association, recently returned from an eight-day mission trip to Hermitage, Penn., where Phil Cooper is pastor. There, they helped conduct Vacation Bible School and revival services for the Shenago Church. Children of both churches collected \$565.59 in pennies to purchase medicines for the children of Guatemala. James Graham, Shubuta physician, received the money from Mark Mason, Shubuta Church's chairman of deacons. Mason and his wife Betty, along with Graham and Living Water Ministries, make medical mission trips to Guatemala. Tim Myers is pastor, Shubuta.

Missionaries persevered

BATESVILLE, Ark. (BP) — Keith and Jane Byrd, parents of two college-age children, had lots of patience with the Foreign Mission Board before being appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries to Belarus, one of the independent republics formerly of the Soviet Union. "I felt I was being called to missions," said Byrd, pastor of Calvary Church in Batesville, Ark. "But when I inquired at the mission board, they first told me I didn't have enough education. Then a little later when our son was born with health problems, they said he could not go. Later when he was pronounced healthy, he was too old. Then they told us by the time our kids left home, we would be too old." One key to opening doors, Byrd said, is that, for urgently needed missionary personnel, "Belarus was on the FMB's 'Ten Most Wanted List.'"

Author lifts grandparents

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP) — Beyond their fixed incomes, lots of grandparents need help these days — to cope with the problems of their children, says Irene Ednicott, special consultant on grandparenting issues to the Baptist Sunday School Board and author of "Grandparenting by Grace," a new 12-week church study. More than 2 million grandparents "are raising their grandchildren as a result of the decades of the '60s, '70s, and '80s when substance abuse, immorality, and 'me first, you last, and everyone owes me something' captured the interest of young parents," Ednicott, a grandparent, told a senior adult conference at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas. "Grandparents are today sacrificing everything they can for these grandchildren, and marriages of 40 years are being strained because of the problems in their children's families. It's the responsibility of churches to minister to these needs."

Looking Back...

10 years ago

Bettye Bingham, secretary for MBCB's Evangelism Department, designs four banners to be used in the MBCB Church Music Department's 40th anniversary celebration, held in associations across the state.

20 years ago

Mississippi Baptists open the year's State Mission Season of Prayer, with a \$125,000 offering goal. That offering will go to the total State Mission Budget of \$1,621,878, funding National Baptist and Sanatorium ministries, among others.

50 years ago

D.M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, announces the retirement of the \$229,356 MC Alumni debt to the Feild Co-Operative Association for the construction of Farr-Hall Hospital, Alumni Hall, and Chrestman Hall on campus.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

In the event of the Rapture, this car will be driverless

An expensive folder came to me from Harold Camping of California Family Radio. The screaming part declares that Christ will come in September 1994. He offers 950 pages of "biblical evidence" declaring his conclusions are based on the Bible, as opposed to other doomsday prophets who study world events, weather patterns, or some particular private revelation.

There are some things stated explicitly in the Bible about the end times. First, no man knows the day or the hour. Biblical students are fascinated by this coming event and setting the day is not new.

Russell Chandler, religious editor of the *Los Angeles Times* and author of *Doomsday* mentions at least 30 predicted dates for the end of the world. Even Christopher Columbus of 1492 fame got into the act and predicted the end would come in 155 years.

Jehovah's Witnesses have mentioned 1881, 1914, 1925, 1975, 1984, etc. James Miller, one-time Baptist and founder of the Seventh Day Adventists, set 1844 as the date.

Disappointment has always followed the setting of any specific date for the Lord's return. Even the disciples wanted to know and Jesus told them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons" (Acts 1:7). Simon Peter muddled the charts of many when he declared that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day.

The 1994 Baptist Doctrine Study book is Bill Stephens' *The Bible Speaks to End Times*. I'm sure the Lord intended for us to know more about the end times. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

We do need to study and be

aware of biblical information and events as we near the end time. The event and the Word should spur us on to be more faithful in getting the gospel to Mississippi and the world.

R. Earl Allen, in his book *The Hereafter*, makes it plain that Christ's return is sure; it is mentioned 318 times in the New Testament. His return is secret and sudden... as in the day of Noah and "watch therefore." Christ will return to gather all who have believed on him and they will be with him forever.

In the world of prophecy much study continues on Ezekiel 38-39, Magog and Russia, Israel and the Temple, the rise of Islam, Israel and the Arabs, Babylon, and the anti-Christ. In God's own time and in his own way there will be the restoration of the kingdom. Meanwhile, the contemporary Christian is to "be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:6-8).



THE FRAGMENTS

In harm's way

The days were dark, the nights were long. Vicksburg in 1863 was considered the Gibraltar of the Confederacy. Richard Wheeler, in *The Siege of Vicksburg*, reports that Col. James L. Autry was the military governor of the city. Threatened by gunboats on the river and the possibility of land forces, Autry sent word to the enemy: "Mississippians don't know, and refuse to learn, how to surrender to an enemy. If Commodore Farragut or... Gen. Butler can teach them, let them come and try."

By July 4, 1864, Vicksburg had fallen and the starved inhabitants began their survival training.

Today Vicksburg, along with other river cities and the Gulf Coast, is threatened by a more subtle enemy. It's the gambling craze, the something-for-nothing syndrome. You think we are the winners — like 35,000 new jobs and millions received in taxes — and one day the enemy closes in.

There will be no formal surrender. We will just wake up one day and know we are prisoners.

— GH

African hospital gave him urgency

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (BP) — James "Butch" Tanner and his wife Carole were Southern Baptist missionaries in Zambia only a year; their career ended when their daughter contracted malaria. But among the lessons Tanner, now pastor of Calvary Church, West Lafayette, Ind., learned in Africa was urgency in spreading the gospel to young and old. "We lived near a hospital and 100 people died daily. A cemetery surrounded the seminary at which I taught and they buried 60 people every day," Tanner recounted. "Here, we view death as being for old people. There, it's for everybody."

Baptist identity.

"All our members are happy to be a part of the Baptist family," declared Caruana. The congregation has a Sunday School for youths and children and two Sunday morning services, one in Maltese, the other in English. Their Sunday evening service is in Maltese.

On his own, Caruana has continued to pursue theological studies. He has certificates of study from correspondence courses. He owns many theology books and would like to pursue a degree from the Open Theological University.

Caruana's support comes from the congregation and from "love gifts" from friends.

Christian church on Malta has chosen "Baptist identity"

The shipwrecked apostle Paul and his companions, Luke and Aristarchus, and others, spent three months on the Island of Malta. They preached Christ and made many friends. Nineteen centuries passed before there was a Baptist church on the island. Today, the Independent Baptist Church there is alive and well. The congregation is led by Edwin Caruana, who is certain God led him to the ministry. Caruana attended the European Baptist Federation Congress in Lillehammer, July 26-31.

ISLAND OF MALTA (EBPS) — When the apostles Paul and Luke shipwrecked on the Island of Malta (Acts 27:27—28:10), they met many friends. They could not have imagined, however, a Baptist church on the island. Nor would they have known one of their apostolic successors, Edwin Caruana. Were they to visit the island today, they surely would feel at home with the modern-day Christians who belong to the Independent Baptist Church of Malta (IBCM) where Caruana serves as pastor.

The Island of Malta is located in the Mediterranean Sea, off the

southern coast of Italy's Sicily Island. Its land area is about twice the size of the city of Washington, D.C. The population of Malta, 350,000, is mostly Roman Catholic, "about 99.9%," according to Caruana, and most are "practicing Catholics."

Only a few evangelical groups exist on Malta, including two Baptist churches. While these two maintain contact with each other, they have no formal union, according to Caruana. He explains that while his congregation is more open, the other, the Bible Baptist Fellowship, is somewhat more "exclusive."

"Not many people attend our church as sympathizers," explained Caruana. "Due to the Roman Catholic influence, and the fear of ridicule by family and friends, most come only after they become committed."

Currently, IBCM has 54 adult baptized members, a total Baptist family of about 70. Caruana says most of these are young families with children.

Caruana is pleased that six new couples have been married in the church. Caruana is the first Maltese who, while not a Roman Catholic priest, has the legal right

to perform weddings.

The congregation is made up of farmers, engineers, doctors, and shop owners.

Caruana told European Baptist Press Service the story of how the Independent Baptist Church of Malta got started.

About 20 years ago, a Norwegian missionary (not a Baptist) came to Malta and established a house group. Caruana was converted and by 1979 had become the group's leader.

Growth was slow. By 1984 the group had grown to 20 members.

A Baptist from America helped Caruana for three years. During that time the church was formally organized. "After the American left, the church decided to take a Baptist identity," Caruana recounted.

Caruana left a career in electronics in 1986 to pursue what he was sure was the call of God to ministry. He explained how he was drawn to Baptists. In his studies of church history, he saw that Baptists are, in his words, "not in the Protestant stream," and "they have a history of their own, they are open, and their organizations not too binding." Therefore, he encouraged the group to adopt a

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Chaplain in Guantanamo Bay: "Ministry opportunity abounds"

ATLANTA (BP) — "Stress runs deep and tensions high" at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but "opportunities for ministry abound," a Southern Baptist chaplain reported.

Seven Southern Baptists are among the 39 military chaplains serving in the corner of Cuba where thousands of Haitians and Cuban refugees are detained.

Chaplains and their assistants are working 10 to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, Chaplain Joe Cappar wrote in an Aug. 22 letter to the Home Mission Board's chap-

laincy division. Cappar could not be reached for further comment.

When Cappar wrote, 14,616 Haitians were living in Guantanamo Bay, and Cubans were beginning to be assigned there.

Among their many tasks, chaplains lead Bible studies, prayer, and worship services. More than 200 Haitian adults have been baptized at Guantanamo Bay, Cappar reported.

"This past Lord's day, we had over 300 (attending services) in one camp alone, gathered under a cargo parachute for shade from the hot

Cuban sun — sitting on cots or picnic tables or standing — for over two hours of singing, praying, preaching, and communion," Cappar wrote.

"Tears filled my eyes as I listened to a Haitian choir sing 'Amazing Grace' while a 4-year-old hugged my leg and fixed his longing eyes upon mine. He hugged even harder as I gently stroked his wiry hair and bony,

soft-skinned back.

"Imagine it — a crusty U.S. Navy Captain and a migrant Haitian 4-year-old sharing the love of Jesus Christ under a parachute in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba."

In addition to meeting spiritual needs, chaplains facilitate communication between military agents and the refugees, assist in processing procedures, work in educational programs, help distribute food

and personal items, accompany the sick to medical services, and assist with the family reunification process, Cappar said.

Chaplains also minister to the military personnel providing security and helping with daily humanitarian operations, Cappar said.

"We pray God's Spirit will move among the military as he has been moving among the migrants," Cappar wrote.

Annuity Board closes Short-Term Fund, opens Internat'l Fund

DALLAS (BP) — The Short-Term Fund, one of four investment funds offered by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will close in December, and a new International Equity Fund will be added to available choices in 1995, Paul W. Powell, president, announced Aug. 30.

"Most participants have determined that other funds are more appropriate for the long-term accumulation of money to provide for retirement income needs," said Powell. "Total assets in the Short-Term Fund have steadily declined, and we have seen an increasing need to offer the opportunity to directly access non-U.S. equities," he added.

The Annuity Board is preparing notices to each person with accumulations in the Short-Term Fund who will be offered the opportunity to choose transfer of these accumulations to one or more of the remaining Fixed Fund, Balanced Fund, or Variable Fund. Participants affected will have until Sept. 30, 1994, to make

a decision. After that date, accumulations and contributions without written direction from participants will be placed in the Fixed Fund. Actual net earnings through the end of the month before transfer will be credited to accounts at the end of the quarter, and transactions will appear on the member accounting statement issued in January.

John R. Jones, senior vice president for fiduciary services, said he did not want to characterize the International Equity Fund as a "replacement" for the Short-Term Fund since the characteristics of the two would be very different. "The Short-Term Fund is a very low-risk fund with typically low earnings," said Jones, "while the new fund will carry significantly higher risk and significantly higher earnings potential of international stocks."

All participants in all funds will receive written fund descriptions of all investment funds in time to make asset allocations for January 1995, Jones said.

SBC Cooperative Program August gifts dip; ahead for '94

NASHVILLE (BP) — Cooperative Program gifts for August dropped 3% below the same month a year ago but receipts for the fiscal year still were nearly \$3.5 million above the previous year, according to Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the SBC Executive Committee.

Gifts for August 1994 totaled \$10,924,478 compared to August 1993 of \$11,266,269, or a dip of 3.03%.

Total gifts for the year to date, 11 months of the SBC fiscal year, totaled \$129,555,054 compared to

the previous year-to-date figure of \$126,101,303, or a 2.74% increase.

The SBC program allocation budget requires \$11,519,561 per month or \$126,715,173 for the 11-month period. That makes the total gifts for the year 2.24% above the amount needed to meet the year-to-date budget.

Designated gifts for the month were \$2,227,428 compared to a year ago of \$2,667,917. The year-to-date total for designated gifts is almost identical to the previous year: \$125,679,914 compared to \$125,311,027, or a .29 percent increase.

Churches adopt Expanded Annuity Plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the Aug. 4 issue of *The Baptist Record*: Holmes: Antioch; Lamar: Trinity; and Newton: Mt. Nebo.

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Al Gore misrepresents U.S. position on abortion

WASHINGTON (BP) — Led by the Vatican, critics of United States abortion policy charged Vice President Al Gore with misrepresenting the Clinton administration's position as a controversial summit on world population neared.

A week after Gore said the administration "has not sought, does not seek, and will not seek an international right to abortion," a spokesman for Pope John Paul II said Aug. 31, "The draft population document, which has the United States as its principal sponsor, contradicts, in reality, Mr. Gore's statement," according to reports in *The New York Times* and *Catholic News Service*.

Meanwhile, a Southern Baptist official cited other evidence.

"It is highly disingenuous for the vice president to claim that the Clinton administration has not and does not support abortion as a method of birth control," said James A. Smith, director of government relations for the Christian Life Commission. "Their policies both domestically and internationally contradict his statements."

One of Congress' pro-life leaders, Rep. Chris Smith, R.-N.J., told *The Washington Times* the administration's position is "pro-abortion, and they are trying to sanitize it. This is a public relations gambit to try to woo the Vatican and Catholic voters, but it hasn't worked, because no one got suckered."

The criticism of the Clinton administration came a few days before the start of the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Population and Development, Sept. 5-13 at Cairo, Egypt. At the summit, delegates from about 170 countries will finalize a document drafted in April in New York City.

Pro-lifers expressed outrage beginning in the spring when the existence of a U.S. State Department cable to its consulates was made public. The March cable

requested diplomats to inform governments the United States "believes that access to safe, legal, and voluntary abortion is a fundamental right of all women." The cable said the preliminary text prior to the April drafting meeting was inadequate and the United States delegation would be "working for stronger language on the importance of access to abortion services."

As the conference has neared, the Vatican and Muslim governments have expressed strong opposition to the document.

In criticizing Gore's portrayal of the Clinton administration position, Vatican spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls quoted portions of the draft document calling for access to "fertility regulation"

and "pregnancy termination," *The New York Times* reported. Such language is synonymous with abortion on demand, the Vatican said, according to the *Times*.

In describing the Clinton administration as supporting abortion as a method of birth control, the CLC's Smith pointed to President Clinton's reversal of a policy prohibiting U.S. funding of family planning organizations which promote abortion internationally; the administration's attempts to restore funding to the United Nations Population Fund, which supports the coercive abortion policy of the People's Republic of China; the president's endorsement of the Freedom of Choice Act; and his support for abortion services in health care reform.

Ark. pastors' conference site changed; not in Clinton's home church

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — The on and off invitation for Jerry Falwell to preach during the Arkansas Pastors' Conference is on again, according to pastors' conference president Wallace Edgar.

Falwell will be the closing speaker for the Oct. 31 conference at First Church, Little Rock. The state convention annual meeting, which begins the following day, will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Much of the uncertainty about Falwell's participation in the pastors' conference has centered around the original location of the conference at Immanuel — President Bill Clinton's home church — and Falwell's promotion of an anti-Clinton videotape on his "Old Time Gospel Hour" television program.

Although he initially was willing for Falwell to speak during the conference at Immanuel, Rex Horne, pastor of Immanuel Church, said a closer examination of what Falwell was promoting on his television program led him to determine "that I was not comfortable having Falwell in our pulpit."

Noting Immanuel is "first a church and not a convention center," he said, "I feel a responsibility to our people for what I preach and practice and what we believe together. I feel certain things are appropriate and other things are not."

"It wasn't going to work out for Dr. Falwell to come if it was at Immanuel," Edgar acknowledged. "Having it at First Church will take the attention away from the controversial issue of having it at Immanuel."



Summer mission project

Center Church, Blue Springs (Union County), spent a week in August participating in a summer mission project in Little City, Okla. Volunteers put a new roof over the sanctuary of the Little City Church and conducted a Backyard Bible Club. Archie Goodwin is Center Church pastor.

Mississippi women find common strengths in Central Americans

By 'Wilda Fancher

If the electricity went off at seven in the morning, not to worry... It would be back on at one in the afternoon. Whatever time the electricity went off, the time for coming back on was set and was prompt. The schedule for rationing electricity was made known though the electronic media and printed word, and the information was reliable. The people of Honduras plan for it, but look forward to a really big rainy season to fill the reservoir so that enough power can be generated to discontinue rationing.

Maybe it is not exactly correct to say that if the electricity went off at seven in the morning, not to worry. For us four electricity-dependent Mississippi women this created quite a stir the first day. Mainly, because it was hot.

We were in El Progreso, Honduras, straight from the air-conditioned comforts of homes filled with every kind of electrical servant available, chief among which are hair dryers and curling irons.

Before we had finished the delightful lunch at the gracious home of Glenna and Stanley Stamps, we were plenty worried about our appearance.

We, consisting of Marjean Patterson, executive director of Mississippi WMU; Joan Tyler, immediate past president of Mississippi WMU, of Collins; Jane Allison, wife of pastor of University Church in Hattiesburg, and active

in Lebanon Association's WMU; and I, were in Honduras to be a part of the program for the meeting of women from six Central American countries, an effort of the women of those countries affiliated with the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

The meeting was a history-maker, the first of its kind ever in Central America. The initial expectation was for an attendance of 250 women. But before all the buses, vans, cars, and trucks were unloaded, approximately 325 Baptist women from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, and Nicaragua had come to the four-day spend-the-night party at the beautiful camp. Breezeways, porches, the middle of floors became sleeping places when finally each day's pleasant activities ended.

Food lines took a while, too, though the cooks planned for the electricity lapses. Most of the cooking was done on gas inside and in Honduran style outside. Though the wait was long, it was evident that the cooks had done well because the plates were cleaned.

Naturally, the program, which we had come to help provide, was done in Spanish. Though an interpreter tried to help us understand, I think I felt, for the first time, how little children must feel in big church. We did not need the words

given to us to be able to enjoy the beautiful music, some by a group of high school students, some by a group of college students, some soloists and instrumentalists, all in good taste and lovely harmony.

Marjean, Joan, Jane, and I had our suitcases full of conference materials. Marjean's was on mission action, Joan's was on WMU, Jane's was on mission study, and mine was on prayer. The conferences were scheduled so that every woman attended every conference. Their response was most delightful.

The brief time would hardly seem long enough for friendship to get very far, but the time of farewells indicates that it was — the exchanging of gifts, the hugs, handshakes, shoulder pats, and the sudden tear in an eye. We knew that it would be an unusual happening if we ever saw many of those Central American Baptist women again. Yet our hearts had bonded, and our next meeting place would probably be in that great Camp in the Sky, where we already have a place prepared for us. And where bedrolls in the breezeway will not be necessary.

Fancher is volunteer coordinator for the MBCB Prayer Ministry.

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Faculty asks procedural changes for discipline; affirms Marshall

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Faculty members at Southern Seminary responded to the recent resignation of associate professor Molly T. Marshall with two resolutions adopted during their Aug. 26 meeting. One resolution encouraged changes in the seminary's disciplinary procedures relating to faculty and the second resolution affirmed Marshall.

The first resolution, while acknowledging their study of the seminary's governing documents confirmed "written notice of specific charges are not required before filing formal charges of dismissal," called upon the president to "take the initiative on our

behalf to reshape the dismissal procedure."

The second resolution expressed "affirmation and support" for Marshall, who has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1984. Citing her classroom teaching and personal charm, the resolution asserted, "In our opinion, her theology is in accordance with and not contrary to the Abstract of Principles." Expressing the personal nature of the resolution was James Chancellor, chairman of the Faculty Committee, who punctuated his reading of the resolution with the phrase, "She was a good buddy." The resolution was adopted by a vote of 44 yes, 8 no, and 6 abstentions.

Affirming that his administration had acted in good faith and

had properly followed procedures as outlined by the seminary's governing documents, seminary President Al Mohler expressed understanding for the "collegiality you have shared and the very personal pain you feel at the departure of Dr. Marshall."

Two days before the faculty vote, five officers of the Student Government Association unanimously adopted a statement.

"Dr. Marshall's reported coerced resignation has shocked and grieved many students," the student officers said. "Consequently many students have grave concerns for the future and integrity of our institution. We hereby call for a full and public disclosure of the events and policies regarding Dr. Marshall's departure."



Mississippi and Central American leaders share a moment together at the beautiful camp owned by Honduran Baptists. Six nations were represented by women who had come to Honduras for Bible study, methods conferences, and Christian fellowship. Left to right are: Wilda Fancher, Florence; Ester de Ortega, Guatemala; Marjean Patterson, Clinton; Emilia Heninghan, Panama; Joan Tyler, Collins; Miroslava de Mayorga, Nicaragua; and Jane Allison, Hattiesburg.

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Dayspring women's conference set for Birmingham, Oct. 6-8

ATLANTA — "Reaching Women Who Touch the World" is the theme of Dayspring, an Oct. 6-8 conference for women in Birmingham, Ala.

The conference will feature Marge Caldwell, speaker and humorist; Babbie Mason, songwriter and singer; and Esther Burroughs, the Home Mission Board's evangelism specialist for women.

Sponsored by the Home Mis-

sion Board and Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, the conference will be at Shades Mountain Church.

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HOUSE TOPS

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September 8, 1994

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BAPTIST 101 THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



his is the key to the success of Southern Baptist missions. This nearly 70-year-old system for sharing of funds from about 38,000 Southern Baptist churches gets money not only to home and foreign missionaries, but also to the six sem-

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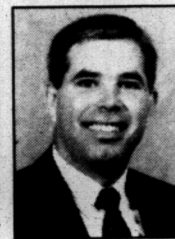
The Single Adult Awareness and Training Conferences on November 7, 8 & 10, 1994, have been cancelled.

1994 Youth Ministers conference

**October 17-19
Lake Tiak O'Khata
Louisville, Miss.**



Candy Anderson



Rob Boyd



Billy Beacham



Jim Minton



Michael Passons

schedule

MONDAY--College Ministry Update at 11:00 a.m., registration at 1:30 p.m., beginning session at 2:00 p.m., adjourn for the evening at 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY--Breakfast at 7:00 a.m., beginning session at 8:15 a.m., afternoon free or appointments with program leaders and convention board leaders, evening session at 7:15 p.m., adjourn for the evening at 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY--Breakfast at 7:00 a.m., beginning session at 8:15 a.m., adjourn conference at 10:00 a.m.

highlights

DEVOTIONALS--Rob Boyd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Indianola

MUSIC--Michael Passons, professional musician, Nashville

SESSIONS FOR WIVES--Candy Anderson, pastor's wife, Clinton

GENERAL SESSIONS--with Jim Minton, professor of Youth & Recreation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Billy Beacham, Student Discipleship Ministries, Fort Worth

finances

The charge for lodging and meals is the only cost for this conference. *Payment is to be made to Lake Tiak O'Khata.* All prices include tax and gratuity and are per person:

Two nights lodging and five meals:

- 1 to a room — \$110.00
- 2 to a room — \$81.75
- 3 to a room — \$68.25
- 4 to a room — \$58.25

Meals without lodging:

- Breakfast — \$5.50
- Lunch — \$6.65
- Dinner — \$8.00

reservations

Call Lake Tiak O'Khata (773-7853) or write Lake Tiak O'Khata, P.O. Box 160, Louisville, MS 39339. A block of rooms is being held for this conference until October 3. At that time all rooms which have been on hold will be released. It is necessary to guarantee the accommodations with a credit card or send a deposit of \$45.00. *Cancellation will be accepted if received by Lake Tiak O'Khata prior to October 13. Preschool child care will be provided at FBC, Louisville, at no additional cost.*

registration

Complete the form and return to: Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 no later than **October 13, 1994.** It is necessary that your registration be received by this date so that adequate preparation can be made.

Registration form

Youth Ministers Conference, October 17-19, 1994
Lake Tiak O'Khata

Name _____ Position _____
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☐ I have made reservations at Lake Tiak O'Khata

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☐ Monday Dinner
☐ Tuesday Dinner

☐ Tuesday Breakfast
☐ Wednesday Breakfast

☐ Tuesday Lunch

Pray this day... September 16-30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sharing with others some of the blessings God has given to us...this month as we give to the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions...a goal has been set for our state...hopefully your church has set a goal and is helping folks understand the unusual items this offering helps to fund... all of us giving will make the difference in a diverse array of situations.</p>					for the newest locations of our mobile chapels, Yazoo City, Meridian, and Clarksdale 16	for Dinsmor in Madison County where a church will receive help in purchasing of land for building 17
for the work with the Philippine Mission on the Gulf Coast which will also receive help in purchasing of land for building 18	for Choctaw Indian youth who were helped to go to Central Hills or Camp Garaywa this summer 19	for Noshoba, a mission of First Baptist Church, Leakesville, a special situation which has had new life breathed into it because of the Margaret Lackey Offering 20	for the families of prisoners who receive the ministry of caring Christians who have guidance from our Baptist Building in their jail and prison ministries 21	for inmates released from prison in Parchman who receive help in the area of personal items and clothing in the name of Christ 22	for volunteers who go to help disciple inmates at Parchman who become Christians while there; for prisoners in MasterLife 23	for Christians in Green County who have been trained to work with the inmates in the regional satellite prison there 24
for those in newly-organized black Baptist churches who have received missions literature and training 25	for Mrs. Jessie Dawson whose position as part-time state coordinator for BSU work on black campuses in Mississippi is made possible by the offering 26	for the black student leadership as they participate in state conferences for training and spiritual development 27	for the children in Albany, Ga., who were cared for by Mississippi WMU disaster relief volunteers while their parents were going through the processing center for flood relief 28	for all the flood victims and ice storm victims who were fed by the Mississippi Brotherhood disaster relief volunteers 29	for each of us to be willing to give to support each of these causes, ministering in Christ's name 30	Prayer Ministry Office P.O. Box 530 Jackson, MS 39205 (601)968-3800, Ext. 3904 Mississippi PrayerLine 1-800-787-PRAY



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September 21, 1994

See You At The Pole (SYATP) is a teen-led national prayer movement. It is a united effort to follow the biblically prescribed solution for crisis in a nation. It focuses attention on the crisis faced by American teens. It summons the community to get involved in the crisis. Also, it is a declaration of our dependence on God as the solution to the crisis through the reconciliation of lost people to Him. SYATP is not a demonstration protest, an equal rights rally, a publicity stunt, a patriotic rally, or an alternative to prayer in schools. SYATP is allowed by the U.S. Constitution as a First Amendment right. In 1993, more than one million people participated in SYATP prayer rallies all across America.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED? First, plan to join a SYATP prayer rally 30 minutes before school starts the morning of September 21, 1994. Teenagers are encouraged to gather at their school flagpoles. Adults are encouraged to meet somewhere other than a school campus, such as a church, place of business, or community flagpole.

Second, help to start an M-Pact Christian club in your local secondary school. M-Pact clubs are being sponsored by the Home Mission Board as Christian service organizations to help make a difference on secondary school campuses. M-Pact clubs will be student-led and will be conducting service projects on school campuses. If you are a teacher or school administrator, offer to become the M-Pact club advisor. Also, consider becoming a member of Christian Educators Association International by calling (818) 798-1124. If you are a business leader or parent, offer to help start an M-Pact club. Once a club has been established, register your club with the Home Mission Board's national secondary school ministry database by calling (417) 862-1111.

Lay Missions Conference

Marketplace Ministry: "In Times of Crisis"



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October 31, 1994
First Baptist Church,
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23rd Annual Church Media Library Conference

October 21-22, 1994
First Baptist Church, Columbus

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Stephen Gateley is a consultant in the Church Media Library Program of the BSSB, Nashville. Throughout his career, he has been active in The Associational Church Media Library Organization (TACMO), serving as director of the Arrowhead Southern Baptist Association in California and for the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association in St. Louis, Mo. He has also served as editor of the *Southern Baptist Library Association Newsletter*.

Pat Brown is a consultant in the Church Media Library Program of the BSSB. Pat came to the Board from the Southern Baptist Historical Commission where she served as librarian. She brings years of experience as a church librarian, professional librarian and conference leader.

Jackie Anderson is a retired senior staff consultant in the Church Media Library Program of the BSSB. She has co-authored and authored Church Media Library books and is a regular contributor to the *Church Media Library Magazine*.

David Tiller is a retail training coordinator in the Retail Marketing Services Department at the BSSB. Prior to assuming his present position, he was training specialist in the Human Resources Department. Before coming to the Board, he was the minister of education, youth and children at West Asheville Baptist Church, N.C.

Barbara Freese is the lead consultant for the Church Media Library Program at the BSSB. She was reference library assistant with the Shawnee Library System, Cartersville, Ill., for 10 years before assuming her present position in 1986. She was also media library director for University Baptist Church, Carbondale, Ill., for 12 Years

Bill Jones is head of User Services at Mervyn H. Sterne Library at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has worked with various state conventions and the CML Program at the BSSB for more than 20 years. He has helped direct the development of Master Library System (MLS) from a librarian's viewpoint. (Picture not available)

Mark Jones is the system developer of Master Library System. He is an electronic engineer with a specialty in computer programming. He worked six years as a networking analyst and consultant at Intergraph, Huntsville, Ala. He has worked for more than three years developing MLS. Recently he has devoted full-time to its development and enhancement by becoming a full-time employee of Book Systems, Inc. (Picture not available)

For registration information contact Judy Shelton with the Department of Broadcast Services at (601)968-3800, ext. 3978.

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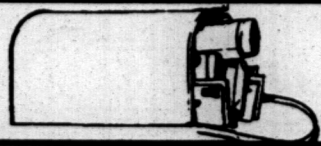
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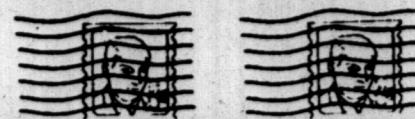
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Letters to the editor



Won't yield to power

Editor:

Regarding the letter to the editor on Aug. 25, this power struggle within churches is a Convention-wide problem especially among the smaller churches. To think that these people are going to act like Christians is absurd because they are either too carnal or lost. Because we "vote" those lost people into these positions they usurp as much "power" as they possibly can because that is the worldly thing to do. I guess they think they are scoring points in heaven just in case there is a God up there.

I stood up to this in my last pastorate and now I am a victim of "forced termination." The writer of this letter stated that the pastor "must not yield to the power group in order to keep his job." Let me respond by saying that no pastor can stand up to a power struggle in a church alone — unless he wants to find himself living in the street after the next scheduled business meeting and all church members have to understand this. Unless the church unifies against those who would destroy her and stands behind the God-called pastor, she cannot continue to be a witness for Christ in the community. Her witness will be one of worldly behavior and her integrity will forever be lost. A pastor cannot deal with this alone. It takes all the Christians within a church to stand together with the pastor or it turns into a suicide mission for the pastor.

I did not yield to the power group, which was only about six people, in order to keep my job. I stood on biblical teaching and I stood for Christ and "good church

members" just sat in silence while the "loud few" initiated a "forced termination." Now I cannot support my family. I will never "yield to power groups to keep my job," but, can you tell me what to do now?

John Searcy
Batesville

Rather be caned

Editor:

I have been totally amazed at the efforts that our leadership in Nashville have made to enlist Jerry Falwell into the Southern Baptist Convention. Are these efforts being made to promote God's kingdom or to strengthen the political domination that our leaders now enjoy?

It has been difficult for me to remain a Southern Baptist considering the political hierarchy that now controls our Convention. If and when Jerry Falwell becomes a member of that hierarchy, it will probably be the last straw for me. I had rather take a Chinese caning.

Mickey Corban
Pearl

Falwell in SBC?

Editor:

I am still uncertain as to the direction of our Southern Baptist Convention. Our more conservative brothers continue to assure us that the struggle is over the inerrancy of the Bible, and that we need to purge our ranks of the liberal preachers and professors, whom they insist are leading us to ruin. It now seems our leaders are searching for that person who would be the ultimate ecclesiastical authority in all areas of our

denomination. He would be exactly what many of our preacher brothers seem to want, as he would know how to handle liberal preachers and seminary professors. But have we preachers forgotten that we had a final authority figure in our convention some 75 years ago?

These conservative brothers seem to have found a new leader, Jerry Falwell, who can deal with all those undesirable people, but he is not a Southern Baptist. Perhaps he will move over to our ranks, and use his many spiritual gifts to rescue us from these liberal, atheistic pastors and professors. His gift of prophecy is well demonstrated, as he has recently predicted that our two major seminaries would replace their liberal presidents, and that our one-time most liberal seminary, under their new president, has stopped polluting the land with ungodly preachers. His gifts of preaching and teaching are well known. He fearlessly airs unproven charges against our government leaders, who are not of his political persuasion, from his pulpit. And he has demonstrated his gift as an administrator. He knows how to engineer the takeover of fallen ministries, and he might help our Cooperative Program by again floating, say, \$30 million worth of bonds, and then defaulting on them. The possibilities are wide open, and if [SBC leaders] can persuade him to join us they say we will do well. He seems to be a reincarnation of that old-fashioned type leader earlier noted, J. Frank Norris. But which of our liberal-bashing pastors would consent to be a modern-day Mr. Chipps,

when matters get out of control. Will it take a shock of that magnitude to cause a redirection of our Convention? Or perhaps, and I pray for the day, our lay people who are tired of this preacher control feeding frenzy, will attend the convention and force a return to a denomination of true Baptists.

Donald R. Windham
Carriere

Students need BSU

Editor:

This is the tale of two parties.

On Monday night, Aug. 22, my wife and I went to the Baptist Student Center at Pearl River Community College. It was the first day of classes, and about 65 students had gathered for the BSU Welcome Party.

As I was splitting bananas and my wife was dipping up ice cream for the students coming through the line, I asked where they were from. Some of the responses were Bay St. Louis, Picayune, Poplarville, Purvis, Sumrall, Petal, and Columbia. They were young, away from home, and excited about meeting new friends.

I had to leave the BSU party early and pick up a deacon to go visiting in town. When the deacon and I arrived at the home we were visiting, we could hardly find a

place to park. Cars were lining both sides of the street for a party of college students next door.

After we finished our visit, we stepped outside. The party had grown larger and louder. Students were in the house, standing in groups in the dark on the porch, the lawn, and in the street. I noticed a few license plates: Pearl River, Lamar, and Hancock counties.

These students, like the ones at the BSU, were young, away from home, and excited about meeting new friends. However, when I drove back down the street a few minutes later, blue lights were flashing, and the police were breaking up whatever was going on at this other party.

I can't get out of my mind the contrast of those two parties. Baptists, young people from your community are going off to college this fall. Satan is already at work to welcome students to college. The BSU depends on your Cooperative Program support to supply BSU directors, and each local BSU depends on your direct financial support to fund its college ministries. Is your church helping your area college's BSU, so that they can welcome college students for Christ?

Bob Rogers, pastor
First Church
Poplarville

LifeAnswers

Ron Mumbower, Ed.D.
Minister of Counseling
First Church, Jackson

I have some problems in my life and I've been thinking about suicide. I have told two good friends, but it's gotten worse. I have become addicted to pain relievers trying to kill myself. I know suicide is not the answer, but what else can I do?

You have done three things that are a good start. First, you admitted you have problems. Secondly, you asked for help. Thirdly, you listened to your conscience telling you suicide is not the answer. This indicates you want to live more than you want to die. I applaud you for continuing to reach out, and for not giving up. You are an extremely strong person to go to these lengths for solutions. When problems overwhelm us with darkness that just won't go away, we immediately look for answers to bring relief. Suicide is the ultimate control of life and comes when all other defenses are exhausted. Find a professional person who can help you deal with your problems. If you do not know a professional, ask your pastor or call a community hotline, mental health office, counseling office, or doctor's

office. Simply ask who you can speak to who will help you find answers. Other things to try: go for a walk, listen to worship tapes of praise, watch funny movies or shows that make you laugh, and visit a friend. Staying busy in your regular routine will also help you find hope. Acknowledge compliments, encouragement, and affirmation from people around you. These may not be many, but an "aptly spoken word brings health" (Prov. 15:23). Your addiction to pain relievers is medicating the problem but not getting to the real issues that cause hurt in your life. I encourage you to attend Narcotics Anonymous or Alcoholics Anonymous, or check into a treatment center to free yourself from this addiction. Finally, get active in your local church. You can find a Sunday School class, choir, WMU, men's group, or other activities where you are needed. You will soon discover that there are people who care about you, who are struggling with their own issues. Together you can draw strength from each other and God to "walk through the valley where they will find strength for their souls" (Psalms 23).

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Just for the Record



First Church, Sumrall, recently held a recognition service for its Acteens. Pictured are Mandy Thames, Jennifer Robbins, Erin Fewell, and Michelle Ray. Faye Casanova is the leader. Glen Davis is pastor.



Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, recently held its Acteens Recognition Service. Pictured, from left, are Katy Jones, Queen; Anna Weems, Queen; Carley Schoggen, Service Aide; Elizabeth Durham, Queen; and Jennifer Miles, Queen. Loyce Miles is Acteen leader. Stan Fornea is pastor.



Mt. Pleasant Church, Bogue Chitto, won the Class A Softball Tournament title in Jackson. Members of the team, pictured, from left, front, are Jonna Robinson; kneeling, Christi Wallace, scorekeeper; Cindy Wallace; Angie Montgomery; Coach Glenda Miller; Deedra Moak; Dana Roberts; Larissa Howard; standing, Coach Alan Wallace; Connie Boyd; Darlene Miller; Boogie Nichols; Stacey Davis; Nicki Martin; Angie Howard, scorekeeper; and Annette Reeves.

Staff Changes



Bob and Janice Moore were both called to serve at First Church, Byhalia. The couple has just completed a temporary call for one year. Bob serves as director of youth and education. Janice is church pianist and director of youth choir.

Robert Baylis serves as intern and program director for the Jackson County campus, Mississippi Gulf Coast BSU. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and New Orleans Seminary.

Oops!

The Mid-South School of Evangelism and Church Growth, announced for New Orleans, Oct. 14-16, in the Sept. 1 issue of *The Baptist Record*, will not be held. The Baptist Record regrets any inconvenience this announcement may have caused.

The Mississippi College Department of Music will host its first annual Sacred Harp Sing on Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Aven Hall. Sacred Harp songbooks will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Lewis Oswalt, assistant professor of music, at (601) 925-3440 or 924-7816.

Larnell Harris will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. Tickets are \$9 each or \$8 each for groups of 15 or more. Tickets may be purchased at the church, the Baptist Book Store, or Maranatha Bookstore. Call (601) 372-8651 for more information.

Royal Ambassadors from Big Ridge Church, Gulf Coast Association, recently raised \$159 for mission work in Belize, Central America. They raised the money by conducting a hike for missions and collecting pledges from church members for each mile. Mike Priest is pastor.

T.W. Hunt, prayer specialist with the Discipleship and Family Development Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will conduct a Prayer Conference at **First Church, Picayune**, Sept. 9-11. The seminar will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; Hunt will speak during the regular Sunday morning service. Raymon Leake is pastor, First Church, Picayune.

Prentiss' Bethany notes 175th

Bethany Church, Prentiss, will celebrate its 175th anniversary on Sept. 11.

There will no Sunday School; worship services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Danny Berry will be guest speaker for the day.

A covered dish lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at noon. Lunch will be followed by a time of memories shared by former pastors. An afternoon reception will conclude the day's activities.

For more information, call the church at (601) 792-8366 or 792-5755.

Darren Wigington is pastor.

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Revival Dates

First, Florence: Sept. 11-14; 7 p.m.; Ken Alford, evangelist; Mike Parks, music; Charles D. Hampton, pastor.

Glade, Laurel: Sept. 11-14; Sunday, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., lunch, and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon services with lunch served and 7 p.m.; Kevin Meador, evangelist; Paul Padgett, music; Mike Thompson, pastor.

New Palestine, Picayune:

Sept. 25-28; Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds, and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Ed Thiele, professor of discipleship, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Grover C. Glenn III, pastor.

North Winona (Montgomery): Sept. 11-14; sponsored by senior adults; 7 p.m. nightly; John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Wayne McDonald, music; Ronald Finch, pastor.

Homecomings

Hope, Philadelphia: Sept. 25; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11; dinner in fellowship hall, noon; afternoon singing, 1:30; no night service; Jerry Jones, guest speaker; "Sonrise," guest singers: Jimmy Young, pastor.

Lula (Hinds-Madison): Sept. 11; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11; covered dish lunch; no night service; David Sills, furloughing missionary to Ecuador, guest speaker; Dan Ishee, pastor.

Gamari Road, Greenville: Sept. 18; beginning 10:30 a.m.; lunch in fellowship hall, noon; singing with John Lemonis Jr., Nashville, 1 p.m.; no night service; Hugh Martin, Philadelphia, guest speaker; Jack DeMoney, pastor.

Alexander Memorial, Hollandale: Sept. 11; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner in fellowship hall, noon; afternoon singing, 1:30; no night service; John Reed, Leland, guest speaker; Mary Alice Davis, singer; Michael McLendon, pastor.

9 Bible Drill prep clinics scheduled across the state

"Getting Ready for Bible Drills" is the title and theme for a series of nine clinics to be held across the state during November.

As the name implies, the clinics will teach church leaders how to prepare youths and children for the 1994-95 Bible Drills.

On Nov. 7, clinics will be held at: First Church, Greenwood, led by Steve Jackson; Hernando Church, led by Lillian Walters; and First Church, Biloxi, led by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winstead.

On Nov. 8, clinics will be held at: First Church, Clinton, led by Jackson; First Church, Tupelo, led by Walters; and First Church, Hattiesburg, led by the Winsteads.

On Nov. 10, clinics will be held at: Calvary Church, Starkville, led by Jackson; First Church, Brookhaven, led by Walters; and First Church, Meridian, led by the Winsteads.

A new pamphlet, "Steps to Bible Drills in Your Church," is now available to outline Bible Drill programs for youths and children.

For more information on Youth Bible Drills, call Wes Pegues. For more information on Children's Bible Drills, call Don Hicks. Both can be reached at the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; phone 800-748-1651.

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Uniform Acting on faith



By Richard Bradley
Joshua 3

The Bible records the fact that it is impossible to please God apart from faith (Heb. 11:6). Faith is demonstrated by God's people when they put into practice either something God has told them, or what they already know to be true about him. Often we pray, "God give us faith," when we ought to be praying, "God give us the nerve to put into practice the faith we already possess." If God's people possess enough faith to be saved, and they do, then they already possess enough faith to do anything else God may require of them. After all, Jesus said that a little faith goes a very long way (Matt. 17:20). Joshua 3 is a wonderful testimony about what happens with his people respond to God in faith.

God's instructions must be followed (vv. 7-8). In verse 8 God promised to do something so unique that there would be no question that he was with Joshua in the same way he had been with Moses. This was welcome news because in the coming days Joshua would need all of the help he could get. God's promise to be with Joshua, and to clearly demonstrate that fact, should be a real encouragement to Christians today. God is just as intimately involved in what his church is doing today as he was that day when the Hebrews reached the rain swollen Jordan River (Matt. 28:18-20). God never calls us to begin a journey he doesn't help us to complete.

Not only is God just as involved in what his people are doing today as he was in that day, but the task he has given his people is just as humanly impossible. God told Joshua to have the priests go and stand in the waters of a river which was impossible for them to cross. I am sure that there were many in the camp of Israel who saw no logic in this request. However, whatever else it may be, faith is definitely not logical. The idea was to get the people in a position so they could see God work; to take a step of faith and then wait on God. Thinking about those priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant right down to the very water's edge challenges us today to trust God in seemingly impossible situations. If God's people were to get over Jordan, God was going to have to take them there and they were going to have to be willing to take him at his word. In every church there ought to be something going on which cannot be explained on the basis of human effort.

God provides for his people (vv. 9-13). Apart from faith the promise of these verses would be pretty hard to swallow. However, there are times when we must simply ask ourselves if there is anything which is too hard for God. If we believe that God started the Jordan River flowing, then we must surely believe he can shut it off anytime he chooses. Here was an excellent opportunity for the people to have their nerve steered and their confidence bolstered.

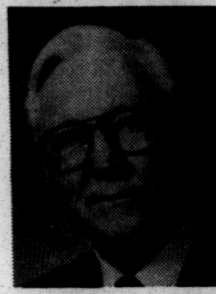
It must be remembered that the people were only required to walk down to the water's edge. The rest was up to God (v. 13). Needless to say, God's integrity was at stake. He would either make good on his promise or he wouldn't. The Hebrews went to the water's edge and stood on the promises of God. Sometimes we take our stand and still fail because we have no promise on which to stand. Before attempting the impossible we must make sure that our plans were God's to begin with.

God makes good on his word (vv. 14-17). To see God work is the greatest encouragement in all the world for his people. As soon as the feet of the priests touched the waters of the Jordan, it stopped flowing. While the priests stood in the middle of a riverbed which was now empty, the people crossed over to the other side on "dry ground." These verses teach us that God will fulfill his word if we are able to take him at his word.

Perhaps some thought ought to be given to those twelve priests standing in the middle of the river while the people crossed over. What must they have been thinking? Were they wondering if the river just might come back at a most inopportune time? Whatever they were thinking, the testimony of their faithfulness stands like a monument to what can happen when we faithfully discharge the tasks and duties to which we have been assigned by God.

Bradley is pastor, Handsboro Church, Gulfport.

Bible Book Futile life apart from God



By Raymond Kolb
Ecclesiastes 1-6

If you have felt confused as you read the book of Ecclesiastes, you are in good company with many others. Apparently it was purposely presented in such a way as to portray the confusion of one who has spent most of his years trying to find the true meaning of life by a simple trial and error method. Remember to keep in mind that popular theology of Old Testament times (and too often of our day) did not include God's perfect revelation of himself through Jesus Christ. The title of the book in Hebrew is one word from the first verse of the book. It may be transliterated *kohleth*. It is not a proper name but is often used as if it were. It is variously translated as philosopher, preacher, teacher, etc. Since it seems to have elements of each of these translations, I have chosen to call him *Kohleth*, as many writers do.

Kohleth may have started much as the prodigal son in Luke 15, thinking he would enjoy the best of everything in life while still young and continue to enjoy them to a ripe old age. Now, much older, he is despondent. Nothing has worked out as he expected and he has decided that nothing is really worthwhile. All is meaningless, futile, useless; all is vanity (1:2). How boring life is! There is nothing new; just the same old things happening in the same old ways day after day (1:3-11).

As a young person *Kohleth* thinks that much wisdom may make life meaningful. He studies and studies until he has more wisdom and knowledge than anyone else he knows, but then decides "the more knowledge, the more grief" (1:18b). Since wisdom didn't work, why not try pleasure? No, that was no better. Laughter is just foolish and wine is no help (2:1-3).

Trying to break the cycle of pessimism and defeat, he decides to become extremely wealthy, to build large houses for himself, to develop vineyards, to own many slaves, and to acquire great treasures of gold and silver. He even has a large harem and denies himself nothing in riches and pleasures, but then he sees again that "everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (2:11b). He soon realizes that "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income" (5:10).

There are times when *Kohleth* seems to get a glimpse of something better but soon loses it. He says that "wisdom is better than folly" (2:13), but then decides that the same fate overtakes the wise man and the fool (2:14). Both must die and not be long remembered (2:16).

Kohleth decides that hard work is of very little value, for a man must leave all he has to someone who did not work for it.

Even the often-quoted passage in 3:1-8 about a time for everything seems to be another indication of the pessimism and fatalism expressed by the writer. He seems to feel that God has already determined a right time for everything and that man is powerless to change it. So, "What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men" (3:9-10).

Kohleth has also been discouraged by the injustice he has seen in the courts (3:16, 4:1). He dares to hope that God may some day bring a fair judgment to all (3:17), but he immediately falls back into the idea that people and animals die in the same way and suffer the same fate (3:18-20). His idea of life after death is very hazy (3:22, 6:6), and he cannot even imagine the hope we have as Christians today.

The author seems to have a strong belief in God's existence, his power, and his sovereignty, but to lack any intimate personal relationship with him.

Does anyone still ask why such a rambling, pessimistic, depressed view of life is in the Bible? Because it was so true to the reality of life for so many people when it was written and because it is such a true picture of how many people live today. I believe all the confusion in this book is intentional because God wants people to face up to what life is like without a right relationship to him in order that they may turn to the true source of the abundant life (John 10:10).

Kolb is a retired missionary living in Clinton.

Life and Work God is love



By Ruth Allen
1 John 4:7 — 5:3

The following words, penned by an unidentified author, were found written on the wall of a mental institution. "Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made; were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky." The love of God is endless and boundless. God does not say, "Be good and I will love you." Rather he says, "Because I love you, you should be good." God loves because "God is love."

The lesson title does not say, "Love is God." It says, "God is love." The two statements are not synonymous. Too many people today attempt to make things they love their gods. The love which comes from God is not a love based on physical desires or intellectual love, but it is love straight from the heart. When the love of God is received into one's heart, it permeates life in every area, even to loving those who are unlovely. The Scripture tells what God's love actually consists of and how man can emulate that love.

God's love is a sharing love. John 3:16 embodies this fact: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." In Ireland and Wales there are a great many beekeepers. Every third year each owner of bees is required to distribute some of the honey to his neighbors because his bees have gathered their honey from the neighboring fields. Everyone owes a great deal to family, friends, and neighbors who have added happiness and prosperity to life. Being bound by a law of brotherly love, one shares what he has so bountifully received from God and others. Just as God, because he loves man, has shared and is sharing, one must also share his bountiful supply of love.

God's love is kind. Richard Selzer has written a book, *Moral Lessons: Notes in the Art of Surgery*. One of the most touching scenes he describes is a young husband standing at the bedside of his wife. To remove the tumor in her cheek, Selzer also had to sever a tiny twig of the facial nerve. The surgery left her mouth twisted and clownish in appearance. Selzer tells how he watched the young couple.

"Will my mouth always be like this?" the wife asked. "Yes," the doctor replied. "It's because a nerve was cut." The woman was silent, but her husband smiled and said, "I like it, it's kinda cute!"

Selzer described what happened next: "Unmindful, he bends to kiss her crooked mouth, and I am so close I can see how he twisted his own lips to accommodate hers, to show her their kiss still works. I hold my breath and let the wonder in. If you understand the four words, 'the kiss still works,' then you know all there is to know about intimacy. If not, then there is nothing I can do to explain."

God has demonstrated his love to accommodate sinful humanity into the most intimate spheres of his love.

God's love gives all. There is nothing that God withholds. He has given his all in love.

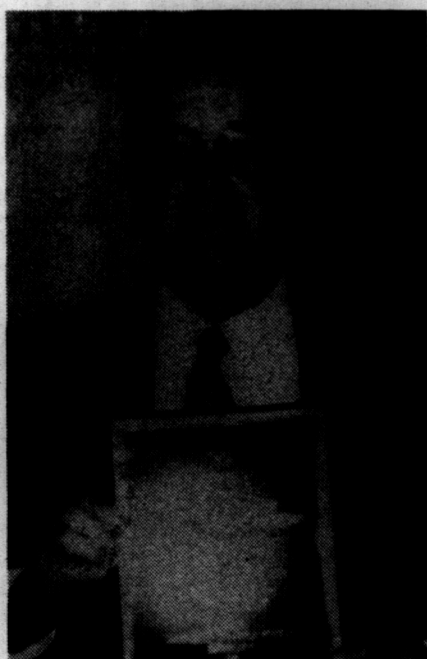
One of my favorite stories is the *Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry. Della and Jim were a young couple who were very poor but very much in love. Each one had a unique possession. Della's hair was her glory. When she let it down, it almost served as a robe. Jim had a gold watch — his pride, which had come to him from his father. On the day before Christmas, Della had exactly \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She did the only thing she could do — she went out and sold her hair for \$20. With the proceeds, she bought a platinum fob for Jim's precious watch.

Jim came home from work that night. When he saw Della's hair, he was stupefied. It was not that he didn't like it or love her any more. She was lovelier than ever. Slowly he handed her his gift. His gift was a set of expensive tortoiseshell combs with jeweled edges for her lovely hair. He had sold his gold watch to buy them for her. Each had given all he or she had to give. Very clearly, love was extravagant in its actions. God has given to man all his love. Man can do no less for God than to share God's love in his life by loving others with the same intensity as God. When one does, he shows proof that the love of God is in control of the heart.

Allen lives in Jackson.

Gold Awards

James Barnett (right), Leake Association Discipleship Training director, displays the 1994 Associational Discipleship Training Gold Award presented to Leake Association by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB). Gary Creech (below, left), Pike Association Discipleship Training director and pastor of Fellowship Church, Summit, accepts his association's Gold Award from Wes Pegues (right), consultant in the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, MBCB. The awards are presented annually to associations that excel in Discipleship Training according to a standard list of items to be conducted during the prior 12 months.



First, Jackson, hosts "Metro"

"Metro" is a unique Bible encouragement-fellowship for singles from all denominations that has been meeting since June at First Church, Jackson.

David Edwards, full-time evangelist from Oklahoma City, Okla., has started Metro groups in major cities across the southeastern U.S. Some meet weekly with attendance of around 600 people.

The focus of Metro is good music and solid Bible teaching for all singles. Metro is an excellent

way to reach the unchurched and to fellowship with friends in Christ from other denominations.

Upcoming Metro meeting dates are Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 10, beginning at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East of First Church, Jackson. There is no charge; an offering will be taken.

For more information, contact Jim Doremus, minister for singles, First Church, P.O. Box 250, Jackson, MS 39205-0250. Telephone: (601) 949-1906.

Lena holds "Magnificent Mondays"

Lena Church, Lena, will present "Magnificent Mondays," featuring Mississippi Baptist speakers each Monday evening at 7 p.m. during September, according to Lena Church pastor/teacher Tom Stevens.

"This is our outreach gift to the community," Stevens said.

Speakers include Richard Powell, pastor of Colonial Heights

Church, Jackson, on Sept. 12; Bobby Williamson, pastor of Park Place Church, Brandon, on Sept. 19; and Mike Routon, pastor of Greens Creek Church, Petal, on Sept. 26.

Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Stevens at P.O. Box 161, Lena, MS 39094. Telephone: (601) 654-8822.

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke Six: Forty-One.

Former Bible professor celebrates 92nd birthday, still going strong

By Shannon T. Simpson

Ernest Ray Pinson turned 92 on Aug. 26.

The Clinton resident is a member of Morrison Heights Church, where he still teaches the Bible to an average of 20 senior adults in a 5 p.m. Sunday School. Pinson's studies are deep and thorough, no classes for the weak-willed.

Pinson, better known as "E.R.," has been Bible professor to hundreds of Mississippi pastors and Southern Baptist leaders — first at Clarke College for nine years (he was also head of the Bible Department there), then for 19 years at Mississippi College, and later at New Orleans Seminary Extension for 14 years.

"I've probably taught more ministerial students in Mississippi than anyone else," he speculated.

Four or five of his students taught at New Orleans Seminary, "But they're all retired now."

It's been said that if one could name a Mississippi Baptist preacher, Pinson probably taught him.

Even his own granddaughter, Patsy Keeler of Clinton, was his student at Mississippi College.

"He was really hard," Keeler recalled. At registration that year, the worker handling Keeler's cards embarrassed herself by saying, "You don't want Dr. Pinson. He's too hard."

"Yes, I know," said Keeler. "He's my granddaddy."

Alongside teaching, Pinson served small churches in Mississippi — 17 as interim while a student at MC. Among the churches were Drew, Thomastown, North Greenwood, Lexie, and Port Gibson.

"When I felt the call to ministry, I didn't know what aspect... the Lord wanted me to enter," Pinson recalled. "It was a long time before I knew it was teaching. After I felt the call at age 32, I went to the Baptist Bible Institute (now New Orleans Seminary), and found out I was in the wrong pew."

"I had not had the proper training. So many fellows there had been to Mississippi College and thought it was just this side of heaven," Pinson chuckled.

So, in 1934, he and a friend came up to Clinton to look over MC. Both stayed to complete undergraduate studies.

Pinson then returned to New Orleans to earn his master of theology degree in 1941. He was counting on a call from Golden Meadow Church in far south Louisiana, where he had preached while in school.

Instead, the seminary invited him to stay for additional graduate studies. He completed his doctor of theology degree there in 1945.

"The Lord still didn't take away the churches, though," Pinson said.

His first year out of seminary, he pastored two half-time churches in Walthall County. At that time, during World War II, gas was rationed — there was no way to make his visitation rounds. Since one church's deacons were also trustees of the local school, they talked Pinson into accepting a teaching position, too.

"I baptized more people that year than any other," Pinson recalled. He said that's how he entered the dual calling of teach-

ing and ministry which would remain his lifelong careers.

On his birthday, Pinson said he awakened the night before, "thinking of the long years God has given."

Born and reared in Greenbriar, Tenn., Pinson "gave my heart to the Lord as a 6-year-old boy" at a revival meeting. He said he lived a "comparatively clean life — never drank, did lots of hard work."

At 20, he and his childhood sweetheart Mattie were married in a horse-drawn buggy in front of the Methodist preacher's house. His father-in-law had somehow taken a dislike to Pinson, and treated him coldly for years.

Recalling the day his father-in-law apologized for his anger, Pinson struggled with the words. He recounted a death bed vision he said his father-in-law had, then talked of what a good man he had been.

Pinson tearfully recalled another memory of his early years. While in seminary, he worked hard to provide for his wife and four children. One day, his wife put the last bit of food in their oldest child's school lunch. She had not yet told her husband they were out of food, and there was no prospect of replenishing the pantry.

Later that morning, the postman's whistle blew, signalling a package. It was filled with half a ham and other food from home.

"The Lord still makes provision," Pinson said. "Even with all the (arthritis) pain I have, he still blesses me, allowing me to keep teaching. He keeps putting classes in my way."

Mattie Pinson died in 1988 after a long illness. Pinson has been married five years to his second wife Miriam, age 90, of Minden, La. They met at Harris Baptist Assembly in north Louisiana.

Pinson enjoys gardening. This summer, he spaded his own garden spot and grew 18 tomato plants, along with some okra.

"I have a great determination."



E.R. Pinson celebrated his 92nd birthday on Aug. 26. The member of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, and former head of Clarke College's Bible Department, relaxed at home, then had dinner at a local restaurant with his wife Miriam and a few family members.

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